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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.,) OTRA, SG, US

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SENEGAL - SCHEDULE/SCENARIO 3

REF: STATE 91805

1. WHILE WE ARE RECEIVING EXTREMELY RESPONSIVE COOPERATION FROM GOS, RESOURCES OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PROTOCOL OFFICIALS ARE STRETCHED THIN BY PREPARATIONS FOR APRIL 19-22 AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WHICH WILL BRING APPROXIMATELY 70 FOREIGN MINISTERS AND ACCOMPANYING DELEGATIONS TO DAKAR. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE FOR PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S APRIL 19-30 VISIT TO FRANCE, ROMANIA AND IRAN. PARTICULARLY AFTER DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT (TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY PROTOCOL CHIEF), THERE MAY BE DELAYS IN OBTAINING AUTHORITATIVE RESPONSES FROM GOS IN CONNECTION WITH SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT MORNING APRIL 17 TO REVIEW DETAILS OF SCHEDULE WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCENARIO WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER ADJUSTMENT ON BASIS OF PROTOCOL MEETING. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE EXPANDED SCENARIO AFTER MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE AND DEPARTMENT HAS COMMENTED ON OPTIONS DESCRIBED BELOW.

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3. TENTATIVE SCENARIO (PENDING GOS APPROVAL):

SATURDAY, MAY 1

10:50 A.M. ARRIVAL DAKAR-YOFF AIRPORT. MET AT PLANESIDE BY FOREIGN MINISTER OF STATE SECK AND AMBASSADOR AGGREY (NO HONOR GUARD). PROCEED TO VIP TERMINAL LOUNGE FOR WELCOME STATEMENT BY SECK AND BRIEF STATEMENT BY SECRETARY (WITH ALEX TOUMAYAN AS INTERPRETER). ACCORDING TO NORMAL LOCAL PATTERN, SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE SEATED FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS IN LOUNGE WHERE STATEMENTS ARE DELIVERED.

11:15 A.M. DEPART AIRPORT VIA MOTORCADE. FOREIGN MINISTER OF STATE AND AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANY TO HOTEL.

11:25 A.M. ARRIVE LES ALMADIES HOTEL
THIRTY-FIVE (35) MINUTES PERSONAL TIME

12:00 NOON MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OF STATE SECK AT HOTEL DES ALMADIES (PROPOSED BY GOS WHICH PREFERS THIS SITE FOR MEETING, SINCE MAY DAY PARADE WILL DISRUPT MOVEMENTS IN CENTRAL DAKAR AT MIDDAY). SUGGESTED US PARTICIPANTS: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE, AMBASSADOR AGGREY, ALEX TOUMAYAN, INTERPRETER.

1:00 P.M. STAG LUNCHEON IN SECRETARY'S HONOR HOSTED BY MINISTER OF STATE SECK. LUNCHEON WILL BE AT LES ALMADIES OR NEARBY MERIDIAN HOTEL (5 MINUTE DRIVE). PARTICIPATION TO BE DETERMINED (SEE DAKAR 2212). TOASTS ARE EXPECTED.

2:30 P.M. RETURN TO ALMADIES SUITE
ONE HOUR 5 MINUTES PERSONAL TIME.

3:35 P.M. DEPART HOTEL FOR PRESIDENTIAL PALACE (DRIVING TIME 20 MINUTES). ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE, AMBASSADOR AGGREY AND ALEX TOUMAYAN, INTERPRETER.

4:00 P.M. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR. ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE AND AMBASSADOR AGGREY AND INTERPRETER TOUMAYAN. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, THERE MAY BE PRESS OPPORTUNITY IN WHICH PRESIDENT SENGHOR WOULD TAKE PART THOUGH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS WARNED THAT HE CANNOT MAKE DEFINITE COMMITMENT AS YET.
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4. EMBASSY COMMENTS BELOW ON VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES FOR UTILIZATION OF TIME BETWEEN END OF PRESIDENTIAL MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. AND PRESIDENTIAL DINNER AT 8:15 P..

A. GOREE: REFTEL PROPOSED VISIT TO GOREE, WHICH IS CUSTOMARY ELEMENT OF VIP VISITS TO DAKAR. EMBASSY AGREES THAT VISIT TO HISTORIC GOREE ISLAND WOULD BE MEMORABLE HIGHLIGHT OF

SENEGAL VISIT, AND COULD PROVIDE ATTRACTIVE OCCASION FOR PRESS PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES. HOWEVER, EVEN WITH SPECIAL BOAT WHICH GOS WOULD BE PLEASED TO SUPPLY, 25 MINUTES MINIMUM WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR EACH CROSSING, WITH 30-45 MINUTES MINIMUM ON ISLAND. WE THUS DOUBT THAT THERE IS TIME FOR MUSEUM VISIT, MEETING WITH EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AND TRIP TO GOREE.

B. IFAN MUSEUM, PLACE TASCHER: WHILE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AFRICAN ART MUSEUM VISIT IF SECRETARY DOES NOT MAKE GOREE TRIP, IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE DESIRABLE IN SHORT TIME AVAILABLE TO TRY TO DO BOTH, SINCE SLAVE HOUSE AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM CAN BE VISITED ON GOREE.

C. WHILE EMBASSY PERSONNEL WOULD CONSIDER IT SPECIAL PRIVILEGE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY, WE WOULD UNDERSTAND IF DECISION WERE MADE TO DEVOTE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE TO BROADENING HIS EXPOSURE TO SENEGAL.

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D. PRESS CONFERENCE: DAKAR REPRESENTS MAJOR PRESS CENTER FOR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS OF FRANCOPHONE AFRICA. CORPS HAS INTENSE INTEREST IN SECRETARY'S VISIT AND EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS AND MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY WHICH WE ASSUMED COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. WHEN MAY 6 REFUELLING STOP WAS SCHEDULED FOR DAKAR, WE HAD HOPED THAT HOUR AND ONE-HALF VISIT MIGHT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING

WITH PRESS TO WRAP-UP AFRICAN VISIT. WITH CANCELLATION OF THAT STOP WE BELIEVE IMPRESSION LEFT BY SECRETARY'S TRIP IN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES COULD BE ENHANCED BY SCHEDULING LONGER PRESS BRIEFING THAN MAXIMUM OF FIVE MINUTES AT DEPARTURE ENVISAGED REFTEL. WE WOULD PROPOSE EITHER THAT 30 MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE BE SCHEDULED ON SATURDAY AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OR THAT QUESTIONS FROM PRESS JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE BE EXPANDED TO 20 MINUTES. SATURDAY PRESS CONFERENCE COULD TAKE PLACE AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE OR USIS CULTURAL CENTER NEAR PALACE.

3. TRAVEL LOGISTICS: IF DECISION ON ABOVE ITEMS LEAVES TIME AT PREMIUM, IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO MAKE 35-40 MINUTE ROUND-TRIP TO HOTEL DES ALMADIES BETWEEN PRESIDEMIAL MEETING AND DINNER. EITHER GUEST HOUSE ON PRESIDENTIAL PALACE GROUNDS OR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SHORT REST INTERLUDE DOWNTOWN.

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5. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY PROPOSES FOLLOWING OPTIONS IN DESCENDING ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR 5:00 - 8:15 P.M. PERIOD MAY 1:

OPTION 1

5:00 DEPART PRESIDENCY FOR PORT.
5:05 ARRIVE PORT; DEPART FOR GOREE BY SPECIAL BOAT.
5:30 ARRIVE GOREE; TOUR ISLAND; VISIT HISTORIC SLAVE HOUSE AND MUSEUM.
6:15 DEPART GOREE BY SPECIAL BOAT.
6:40 ARRIVE DAKAR. (5 MINUTE DRIVE TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE).
6:45 MEET WITH PRESS; AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.
7:15 FREE TIME. 50 MINUTES.
8:05 DEPART FOR PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. (5 MINUTES DRIVE)
8:15 DINNER

OPTION 2

5:00 DEPART PRESIDENCY FOR IFAN AFRICAN ART MUSEUM, PLACE TASCHER.
5:05 ARRIVE MUSEUM FOR TOUR.
6:00 DEPART MUSEUM FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (5 MINUTE DRIVE).
6:05 PRESS CONFERENCE AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.
6:35 REMAIN AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE OR RETURN TO LES ALMADIES, ARRIVING AT 7:00 P.M. DEPARTURE FROM ALMADIES FOR PRESIDENCY WOULD BE AT 7:50.

OPTION 3

GOREE TRIP FOLLOWED BY DIRECT RETURN TO HOTEL OR REST AT

RESIDENCE OR GUEST HOUSE, WITHOUT PRESS CONFERENCE.

OPTION 4

VISIT TO IFAN MUSEUM IN DAKAR, FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF
AND REST AT RESIDENCE OR GUEST HOUSE, OR RETURN TO HOTEL.

6. BRIEF MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF COULD BE INSERTED IN
OPTIONS 2 OR 3 OR SUBSTITUTED FOR PRESS CONFERENCE IN OPTION
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7. SCENARIO, CONCLUDED:

8:15 P.M. DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR. CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT TOASTS WILL BE REQUIRED.
PROBABLE PARTICIPANTS:

U.S.: SECRETARY KISSINGER; ASST. SEC. SCHAUFEL, AMBASSADOR
AGGREY, UP TO 3 OTHER AMERICANS.

SENEGAL: PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR, PRIME MINISTER ABDOU
DIOUF, FOREIGN MINISTER OF STATE ASSANE SECK, UP TO 3 OTHER
SENEGALESE.

10:30 DEPART PRESIDENTIAL PALACE FOR HOTEL DES ALMADIES.

10:50 P.M. ARRIVE HOTEL DES ALMADIES

SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:10 (OR LATER IF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON SATURDAY)
DEPART HOTEL DES ALMADIES; ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AGGREY.

8:20 ARRIVE DAKAR-YOFF AIRPORT; PROCEED TO VIP TERMINAL
LOUNGE. DEPARTURE STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY AND FOREIGN
MINISTER SECK; RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM PRESS.

8:50 BOARD AIRCRAFT.

9:00 DEPART DAKAR-YOFF AIRPORT.

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